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SUBJ: AID/AUB PARTICIPANT PROTRAM

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1. HAVE INFORMED GOI AND SENT LETTERS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS
ADVISING THEM NOT PROCEED BEIRUT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

2. GOI HAS AGREED TRY PLACE ALL PARTICIPANTS IN APPROPRIATE
IRANIAN UNIVERSITIES. HOWEVER THIS VIEWED AS TEMPORARY MEASURE.
BOTH GOI AND STUDENTS MUCH PREFER THEY CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION
AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN US, OR IN THIRD COUNTRY WHERE
ENGLISH IS LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION, AND CURRICULA, LEVEL OF
INSTRUCTION
SIMILAR THOSE OF AUB. IMPLICIT IN THIS POSITION IS BELIEF,
WIDELY HELD HERE, THAT ACADEMIC YEAR AT AUB TO DATE HAS BEEN A
LOSS AND THAT SITUATION IN LEBANON CANNOT IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE
IMPROVE TO AN EXTENT WHICH WOULD SUGGEST STUDENTS RETURN.

3. AT MEETING WITH MOST STUDENTS TODAY, EMBASSY OFFICER MADE
CLEAR THAT USG COMMITMENT WAS ONLY TO PROGRAM AT AUB, AND
WAS CONTINGENT UPON STUDENTS' SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE THERE.
HOWEVER IT IS DIFFICULT FOR STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND WHY FUNDS
AVAILABLE FOR THEM AT AUB CANNOT BE USED ELSEWHERE. WOULD
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE HOW BEST TO EXPLAIN THIS IF INDEED TRANSFER
FUNDS TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION IS IMPOSSIBLE.

4. GOI ALSO PREFERS STUDENTS RESUME EDUCATION AT AMERICAN

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UNIVERSITIES, BUT RECOGNIZES THAT COSTS IN US ARE MUCH HIGHER

THAN AT AUB. RANKING OFFICIAL SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY GOI COVER
HALF COSTS OF STUDENTS' PROGRAMS IN US, IF THEY CAN BE PLACED,
IF USG WOULD COVER OTHER HALF.

5. ADVISE.
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